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SUBJECT: FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

1. AMBASSADOR VON STADEN MARCH 3 CONVEYED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INVITATION FROM HERMES TO RESUME US/FRG CONSULTATIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK OR AT LATEST LATTER PART NEXT WEEK.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY PREFERS TO POSTPONE RESUMPTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG UNTIL LATER STAGE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZIL. WE PROPOSE THEREFORE TO RESPOND TO HERMES BY LETTER FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- REMAIN COMMITTED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH HERMES IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

-- HOWEVER, RESULTS OF TALKS IN BRASILIA ARE NOT AS NEGATIVE AS MIGHT APPEAR FORM INADEQUATE AND SOMEWHAT INACCURATE PRESS ACCOUNTS. BRAZILIANS AGREED TO CONSIDER OUR ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS AND ASKED TO HAVE THEM IN WRITING. JOINTLY

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AGREED STATEMENT CONFIRMED THAT EACH SIDE COULD CONSIDER OTHER'S POSITION AND THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER TALKS ON THIS MATTER. WE CONSIDER THIS SIGNIFICANT AND INTEND TO FOLLOW UP PROMPTLY WITH BRAZILIANS.

-- OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH BRAZIL HAVE ONLY BEGUN. IT THEREFORE APPEARS MORE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MEET LATER THIS MONTH IN BONN, AFTER WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE BRAZILIANS. THE WEEK OF MARCH 21 SEEMS MOST LIKELY TIME. IN THE MEANTIME FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER VISIT HERE WILL AFFORD US OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM ON THE STATUS OF THE ISSUE IF THAT SHOULD PROVE DESIRABLE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S COMMENTS ASAP MARCH 4 ON ABOVE-PROPOSED MANNER OF DEALING WITH HERMES' INVITATION.
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